

House Resolution 1978

By: Representatives Wix of the 33rd, Richardson of the 19th, McKillip of the 115th, Heard of the 114th, Smith of the 113th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the University of Georgia men's basketball team upon their 2008 Southeastern
2 Conference Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, few sports provide the drama and the achievement of the impossible than the
4 college basketball postseason, which is commonly known as "March Madness"; and

5 WHEREAS, March Madness found its way to Atlanta this past March 13 through March 16
6 and provided one of the greatest underdog storylines in sports history; and

7 WHEREAS, after suffering through a disappointing 13-16 regular season, expectations were
8 low for the University of Georgia basketball team at the 2008 Southeastern Conference
9 Men's Basketball Tournament; and

10 WHEREAS, despite the low expectations, the UGA men's basketball team embarked on
11 what would be a dream week by defeating the Rebels of the University of Mississippi in the
12 first round of the tournament; and

13 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs followed up their opening round victory over the Rebels with
14 historic wins against the University of Kentucky and Mississippi State University; both wins
15 occurred on Saturday, March 15, as the result of the cancellation of Friday night's second
16 round game against Kentucky due to a tornado striking the Georgia Dome during a separate
17 game and prior to Georgia's scheduled game; and

18 WHEREAS, UGA's victories over Kentucky and Mississippi State made the Bulldogs the
19 first team in college basketball history to win two games in one day and was a demonstration
20 of their heart and never-give-up attitude; and

21 WHEREAS, on Sunday, March 16, against all odds the UGA men's basketball team defeated
22 the University of Arkansas to win the 2008 SEC Tournament Championship, and as a result

1 clinched an automatic berth into the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's
2 Basketball Tournament; and

3 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs improbable run was due in great part to the leadership of Head
4 Coach Dennis Felton and his staff, who inspired the team each game from the bench, and the
5 audacious play of seniors Dave Bliss and Sundiata Gaines; juniors Corey Butler, Billy
6 Humphrey, Ricky McPhee, Rashaad Singleton, and Terrance Woodbury; sophomore Albert
7 Jackson; and freshmen Chris Barnes, Troy Brewer, Jeremy Jacob, Jeremy Price, and Zac
8 Swansey; and

9 WHEREAS, UGA's 2008 Men's Basketball SEC Championship should serve as an
10 inspiration and reminder to all that even the impossible is possible with the greatest of efforts
11 and the right attitude.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 the members of this body commend and congratulate the University of Georgia Bulldogs for
14 their incredible achievement of winning the 2008 Southeastern Conference Men's Basketball
15 Championship.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
17 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the UGA men's basketball
18 team.